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Happenings at GSU

- 23 Advance registration, fall tri-
mester, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.,
main entrance. Continues
through July 27.
- 24 "Connections" workshop, 10
a.m. to noon, D1702. Additional
sessions July 26, 31, August 2.
- 25 Withdrawal deadline, Block 3.
- 25 "The Meaning of Staff Develop-
ment in the 21st Century,"
11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Hall of
Honors.
- 27 "Educating the Alcoholism
Patient," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., F1107.

Prairie burn suggested

Bill Glass, a natural heritage biologist with the Illinois Department of Conservation, has suggested the university conduct a fall burn to rejuvenate the natural prairies on campus.

The burn would be the beginning of the conservation work needed to develop an arboretum and botanical gardens on campus.

The prairie restoration project could eventually allow GSU staff members to collect seeds and begin plantings in new areas on campus.

During a visit to the GSU campus earlier this month, Glass walked the grounds and said three sites are viable for the burn. They are at the east end of the campus along the nature trail.

Volunteers are needed for the burn effort. Glass will provide training and equipment. Persons interested should contact Catherine Esquivel in Administration and Planning on extension 2346.

The Arboretum and Botanic Gardens Committee also agreed to establish guidelines to monitor new plant-

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Committee reviewing recycling options

An estimated 20 million pounds of garbage is collected each day in the six-county Chicago metropolitan area. That's 3.5 pounds of waste per person per day.

Only 8.1 percent of that trash is food waste. Most of what we throw away are plastics, metals, glass, yard waste and paper products.

Between 37 and 43 percent of the trash that goes into landfills is paper products. Most businesses are major contributors of paper waste.

It is estimated the average office worker discards more than 175 pounds of high-grade paper yearly. We at GSU are no exceptions, but we could be.

A movement is growing to begin a serious recycling effort on campus primarily of paper and aluminum cans.

President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II has appointed Dr. Karen D'Arcy, Lynne Deslierres, Catherine Esquivel, Dr. Carolyn Fraser, Joyce Gordon, Dr. Bob Hess, Dr. Jon Mendelson, Phil Orawiec, Professor Bill Toner and Dee Woods as members of an Environmental Task Force.

The committee has been reviewing recycling options and hearing from persons familiar with recycling. It also is examining the possibility of elimi-

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Bethany Harms of the Business Office staff uses the prototype recycling bin to deposit her scrap white paper.

ICC wins first place award in social service competition

A public service video produced by the GSU Instructional Communications Center won a first place award in the 1990 Social Service Communicators competition.

Social Service Communicators is an organization of volunteer and staff people interested in public relations and education for social service organizations.

The video, produced for the Y-Me National Organization for Breast Cancer Information and Support Inc., was judged best in "Division II: Audio Visuals Film and Motion Picture" of the Helen Cody Baker Awards. The awards are designed to inspire, inform and recognize outstanding achievement in social service communications.

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Cafeteria Menu

(Week of July 23 to 27)

Monday - Chicken noodle soup; chili con carne; Entree: liver and onions; spaghetti w/meat sauce, seasoned peas and carrots; whipped potatoes.

Tuesday - Split pea soup; chili con carne; Entree: chop suey over rice; veal cutlet parmesan; seasoned spinach; whipped potatoes.

Wednesday - Garden vegetable soup; chili con carne; Entree: roast beef aujus; turkey patty; corn O'Brien; whipped potatoes.

Thursday - Beef barley soup; chili con carne; Entree: potted luncheon steak jardiniere; Italian sausage, tomato sauce, peppers on French bread; seasoned cut broccoli; potatoes.

Friday - Specials posted in cafeteria.
(Week of July 30 to August 3)

Monday - Cream of chicken soup; chili con carne; Entree: Ham steak; pizza; buttered carrots; sweet potatoes.

Tuesday - Old fashioned bean soup; chili con carne; Entree: baked meat loaf; Polish sausage and sauerkraut; stewed tomatoes and zucchini; whipped potatoes.

Wednesday - Cream of spinach soup; chili con carne; Entree: French dip beef on roll; liver and onions; mustard greens; whipped potatoes.

Thursday - Minestrone soup; chili con carne; Entree: breaded pork cutlet; baked haddock; peas and carrots; whipped potatoes.

Friday - Specials posted in cafeteria

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Employee of the Month

GSU's dollars and cents managed by employee

By Marilyn Thomas

As Governors State University's comptroller, Tom Stepke reins in the purse-strings.

The July "Employee of the Month" makes certain dollars and cents are accounted for when he works with Business Office staff members who check each requisition, purchase order and paycheck for accuracy.

Stepke knows the integrity of GSU's paperwork is essential to the Chancellor's Office, the Illinois Department of Revenue, the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Internal Revenue Service and a host of other overseers.

"We're the ones that move the money around," he explained. "We deal with the state bureaucracy" to get approval for spending and accounting.

He not only reviews the financial workings of the university, but also that of the GSU Foundation and the GSU Alumni Association.

When he first came to GSU as an accountant 15 years ago, Stepke said he devoted long hours to learning the system. He had been a public firm accountant and an IRS auditor and instructor before coming to GSU, and he wasn't familiar with all the state mandates and regulations.

He also was here late because the job required hands-on processing. Today, since the introduction of computers, Stepke says he can accomplish new tasks. "We're just at the point now where we can stop being reactive and start being proactive," he explained.

"Tom played an important part in setting up (computer systems) for financial accounting and accounts pay-

able, along with billing receivables," Chris Tolbertt of the Business Office said in her nomination. "Because of these systems, the Business Office and the university have become more efficient."

Stepke said he didn't own a computer until GSU started installing them in the Business Office six years ago. "That's when I got hooked," he laughed.

He went out and bought a home computer and spent many evenings working long into the night trying to devise systems that would help ease the GSU workload.

He did have help in this. A Business Office accountant's position was eliminated and replaced by a computer programmer's position that was filled by Barry Ryan. Stepke said Ryan has been an asset to the department, but he's not an accountant. Stepke has been helping Ryan develop and interpret the systems that can help with accounting functions.

"Because of Tom's ability to set up programs in DOS, Lotus and other systems, he is able to help others in the office," Tolbertt added. "With the university growing and everyone's work loan increasing, Tom sits down and works out ways to alleviate our work and make us more productive."

Stepke said some of the new computer programs have reduced jobs to 15 minutes that previously took a day's time.

"The longer we go on and the more automated we get, the more my job gets to be people-work," he said.

Chris Tolbertt can vouch for that. "Tom seems to sense others' potential and tries to get them to use their abilities. Once I felt down and didn't think I could do something, but Tom talked with me and pointed out things I'd done in the past. He helped convince me that there was more I could do than what I

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Tom Stepke

The Grapevine

SL recognizes participation in student activities

The Office of Student Life recently honored staff members for their participation in student activities.

Student Affairs and Services Dean M. Catherine Taylor received a special plaque for her "meritorious contributions, support and friendship" on behalf of the office.

Professor Janice LaReau was named "GSU Advisor of the Year." Professor LaReau, who is completing her first year at GSU, was advisor of the medical technology student organization.

Dr. Larry Levinson, professor of political science, was honored for his time and dedication to the Model United Nations program. Dr. Levinson started the program at GSU three years ago. This past year was the second year that GSU students participated in the national meetings at the United Nations in New York City. The cost of the trip was underwritten in part by the Office of Student Life.

Patton organizes African-American history program

Dr. June Patton is busy organizing the national program for the 75th anniversary celebration of the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History. The four-day meeting will be in Chicago Oct. 24 and 28.

Among the renowned speakers she has lined up for the program is *Roots* author Alex Haley, Illinois Poet Laureate Gwendolyn Brooks, U.S. Civil Rights Commission member Mary Frances Berry and historian John Henry Clark, Arvarh E. Strickland, August Meier and Armstead Robinson.

For information on the program contact Dr. Patton extension 2445.

Sock Hop success results in non-homecoming dance

The GSU Sock Hop was such a great success that a non-homecoming dance is being organized.

Approximately 250 persons enjoyed the June 29 dance funded in part by the GSU Alumni Association and the Office of Student Life. Reports are that Leon Zalewski, acting dean of the College of Education, is a "dancin' fool!" Jennifer Kyser, daughter of Beverly Kyser in Special Programs and Continuing Education, won the limbo dance contest.

CS Scholarship could be answer to financial woes

Don't let the cost of books, supplies, tuition, gas, babysitters and other expenses related to an education get you down. The Civil Service Scholarship can be the solution to your financial worries. Civil service employees and their family members are eligible for the \$250 scholarship awarded each trimester.

The application deadline for the fall trimester is Aug. 1. Applications are available from Fran Lindsay in the Personnel Office. Applications must be submitted with a transcript and essay. Applications not selected for the fall trimester are held for two additional trimesters for reconsideration.

GSU community picnic will feature food, fun for all

The GSU community picnic, sponsored by the Civil Service Senate, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 11. The fun will begin at noon and continue to 4 p.m. at the main entrance to the university. GSU chefs will be cooking up hamburgers, hotdogs and ribs. There is a \$2 charge for adults and \$1 for children 11 years and younger. For additional information call Charles Barnett on extension 2184.

EOM nominations always welcome

"Someone is making GSU a special place. Nominate him/her for Employee of the Month" suggests the nomination poster.

Since the first "Employee of the Month" award was given in 1985, dozens of employees have been selected by their peers for consideration for the prize.

While many are happy with the \$100 award underwritten by the GSU Foundation and the GSU Alumni Association, all are extremely gratified by the thoughtfulness of their fellow employees.

The monthly winner is selected by a review committee that includes a representative of the Personnel Office and past "Employees of the Month." A consensus vote based on the written nomination determines the selection. Substantiating your criteria checked on the front of the nominating form with specific examples is especially helpful in the selection process.

Nominations are held for four months, so if your nominee doesn't win immediately, he or she still may win. If the employee hasn't won after four months, re-nominate your choices, giving new examples of their special efforts.

The grand prize is the "Employee of the Year" award. Employees are asked to nominate one of the 12 monthly "Employees of the Month" for that honor.

The "Employee of the Month" award will be given indefinitely. Your nomination is welcome. Submit all nominations to the Personnel Office.

Stepke manages dollars and cents

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thought," she said.

Tom and his wife, Joan, moved to the Chicago area from their hometown of Detroit when he took the IRS job. But coming to GSU was a good move for him. This job is much more challenging, he said, because it is so diverse.

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'Folkfest XIII' features Tom Paxton

The Office of Student Life presents **Tom Paxton** as its returning special guest for "Folkfest XIII" on Saturday, Aug. 11.

For the first time, the program will be moved indoors so guests can enjoy the show in air-conditioned comfort.

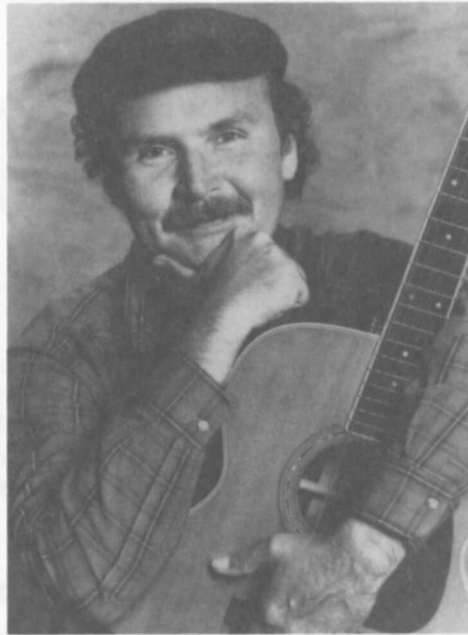
The program at 7 p.m. in the Campus Community Center will begin with entertainment by emcee **Dave Rudolf** of Park Forest. With his guitar and special brand of humor, Rudolf will set the fun mood for the evening event.

He will be followed by folksinger extraordinaire Paxton who will bring his three decades of entertaining music to the stage.

Paxton has become a legend in the folk music business. His talents have given his music—everything from children's music to satirical pieces to love songs—a wide audience appeal.

Paxton has little trouble moving from one venue to another in his concerts. His ballad "The Last Thing on My Mind," is a standard, as is his questioning song about environmental destruction "Whose Garden Was This?" His politically satirical songs that can sting through the laughter are Paxton's way of bringing a message home.

Governors State University's "Folkfest XIII" is a fun time for everyone in the family. Reserved tables for group suppers are available, or you can enjoy the show from the bleachers or



Tom Paxton

floor seating.

Advance sale discount tickets are available at the GSU cashier's office. Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$4 for faculty and staff, and \$3 for children under age 12.

Tickets will also be available at the door for \$8 general admission, \$7 for faculty and staff, and \$4 for children under age 12. Tickets are free to GSU students and Alumni Association members.

For more information contact **Rita Nagy** in the GSU Office of Student Life on extension 2123.

Pilot honors program adopted by CBPA

The College of Business and Public Administration's pilot honors program for high achievers in the business administration program has been adopted as a regular program.

The program was initiated in the Fall 1989 trimester for outstanding community college transfer students who attend GSU full time.

"For a university whose mission is to reach the commuter student, this program is an opportunity to do so," says **Judy Gustawson**, coordinator of academic advising. "It can open a lot of doors."

The honors program is designed as a support group, as well as offering them specialized studies in accounting, finance, marketing, management information systems, production management, or personnel management and labor relations.

Students enroll in an honors seminar during their first trimester that includes an integrated learning experience of classroom lectures and visits to local businesses and industries. During the following trimesters students pursue coursework in coordinated but independent paths.

The students in the program explored the impact of global concerns, pursued real life case studies with Illinois Bell Directory Assistance and Landmark Industries and took field trips.

According to **Dr. Esthel Allen**, CBPA dean, the honors program is the college's most dynamic initiative in achieving the goal of delivering quality education responsive to the changing needs of the business world.

CBPA staff returns from visit to Germany

Staff members in the College of Business and Public Administration are already planning next year's trip to Europe after a successful two-week visit to West Germany in July.

"Overall, it was very valuable," **Dr. Esthel Allen**, dean of the college, said. "**Dr. Lowell Culver** stayed in Europe to develop contacts in the East and the West for next year's visit."

The trip had several academic objectives that were met, she said. Visits to major businesses and chambers of commerce gave students insights into bi-cultural business dealings. Several

companies are willing to accept GSU students for internships, and an exchange program will be initiated between GSU and Oldenburg University.

The economic development aspects of the trip will take longer to develop, but she believes the trip made German businessmen aware of the south suburban area and the benefits it has to offer.

Dean Allen laughs when the trip is called her summer vacation. The 35 participants were kept very busy, and when they weren't touring, Dr. Culver was giving them lectures on German history on the bus.

Thanks!

Former Registrar **Sarah Crawford** sends thanks for the cards, gifts, phone calls, letters, etc. "To say that I am overwhelmed does not adequately express my feelings," she said. "You have all been wonderful colleagues and friends. GSU is a special place because of special people like you."

GSUings...

...Dean Esthel Allen (CBPA), serving on the board of directors of the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra...Dean Joyce Verrett, Dr. Roger Oden, Dr. Joyce Kennedy (CAS), attending a four-day workshop on program assessments in Washington, sponsored by the American Association for Higher Education...Professor Paul Schranz (CAS), judging the Republic Savings Bank's 1990 High School Photo Challenge contest and giving a presentation on the history of photography to the South Suburban Genealogical and Historical Society...Dr. Robert

Donaldson (CBPA), being named to the board of directors of Community Action Services Inc., a nonprofit associated company...Professor Eli Segal (CAS) and student Don Breitbarth, producing an hour-long video for the Come Children Sing Institute to be used as an introduction to the program that uses the techniques of Edwin Gordon...Dr. Joyce Morishita (CAS), exhibiting works in the juried show "The New Horizons in Art" in June, and displaying works in an August group exhibit at the Artemesia Gallery in Chicago.

Recycling options examined

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nating styrofoam products from the cafeteria.

The committee also is asking staff for input on their work environments in the GSU building. A survey on air quality, lighting and noise in the workplace will help the task force determine areas that need to be examined closely.

Recycling will be the easiest first step in environment improvement on campus, according to Dr. D'Arcy.

Atlas Disposal now hauls GSU trash to a landfill in Beecher, but Lee Adelman of Waste Management Corp. told committee members recycling could easily be done on campus.

GSU work areas would have designated recycling sites for paper and cans. Volunteer coordinators would answer questions on what types of recycled items would be collected by the maintenance staff.

Adelman said bond paper, calculator tape, computer paper, letterhead, photocopy and typing paper could bring between \$140 and \$180 per ton.

He added that the cooperation of the GSU community would be essential, because too many "post-it" notes, paper clips and colored paper stock will spoil the bale of paper and reduce the reimbursement to \$50 per ton.

As for aluminum cans, recycled cans can be back on store shelves in six weeks. Cans would be collected in special containers at GSU. Staff would be asked to empty the cans and rinse them out before depositing them for recycling.

The Environmental Task Force hopes to begin a GSU recycling program by the start of the fall trimester. A prototype recycling bin was provided by a representative of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. During a two-week test period in the Division of Science, more than 120 pounds of white paper was collected, Dr. D'Arcy said.

State agencies are changing their purchasing habits. The Central Management Services office, which serves a variety of state offices, has suggested that recycled paper should be used for letterhead and envelopes, and all mass mailings and other forms should be printed on recycled bond or recycled offset paper whenever practical.

CMS also has mandated that white paper should be used instead of colored paper whenever possible to encourage maximum recycling. Only two colors of ink (black is considered a color) will be used for books, annual reports, brochures, newsletters, etc.

The GSU administration is studying long-range options for the university.

ICC public service video wins award

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The nominating committee selected the GSU-produced video "in recognition of an outstanding contribution toward a better understanding of the medical and social welfare services in metropolitan Chicago."

The promotional video describes the support services Y-Me offers women who have breast cancer and focuses on the newly organized national Y-Me hotline. The video will be shown to groups considering affiliation and will be used by the Y-Me staff for fundraising.

Cheryl Lambert was the producer/director, and Sally Petrilli was the producer/writer of the video. ICC crew members who worked on the video were Ed Flowers, Leone Middleton, Jack Mulder, Bob White and Larry Lewis.

Fall burn planned to rejuvenate prairies

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ings and improve cost effectiveness of landscape-related efforts.

Jo Shaw, landscape gardener, said the university needs to begin keeping accurate records of plantings and their survival. Some recent plantings haven't survived because they were inappropriate for a northern climate, in a poor location and/or the soil lacked proper nutrients.

President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II recently asked committee members to prioritize resources, placement, research, planning and study of an arboretum remembering that it will have educational aspects to both GSU students and the general public.

Condolences

to William Boline, university professor in the College of Health Professions, on the death of his mother, Arada, on July 11, 1990.

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Med Tech accreditation extended 5 years

The medical technology program in the College of Health Professions has been granted a five-year extension of its accreditation by the American Medical Association's Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation.

This is the third time the accreditation committee has granted a five-year accreditation for the bachelor's degree program.

Professor Clementine Coleman, chairperson of the Division of Health and Human Services, said the accreditation was awarded after an on-site visit and extensive review of the GSU program by a visiting team from CAHEA in May 1989.

Staff members who work with Professor Coleman are **Professors Joan Ratke and Janice LaReau**.

The accreditation enables GSU students to be certified by the Board of Registry of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and the National Certification Agency for Clinical Laboratory Personnel.

The professional program at GSU prepares students for positions in clinical laboratory sciences through coursework in simple and complex laboratory analyses, knowledge of clinical medicine, quality assurance, data correlation and technical competency through both on-campus work and on-site internships at St. Joseph Hospital in

Joliet, St. Francis Hospital in Blue Island and St. James Medical Center in Chicago Heights.

The clinical laboratory scientist has been called the unsung hero of the medical profession. It is their drawing and testing of blood samples and other

fluids and tissues that helps doctors pinpoint our illnesses.

GSU clinical laboratory scientists are in high demand after graduation, Professor Coleman said, because this medical field has numerous openings.

Donation recognizes planned giving program



Dr. William Dodd (right), chief executive officer of the GSU Foundation, accepts a \$900 donation to the foundation from Kurtis M. Kohn (center), special agent for The Prudential. The company's donation is in recognition of Kohn's involvement in the foundation's planned giving program. With them is Lynn W. Legge (left), general manager of The Prudential operations in Matteson.

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